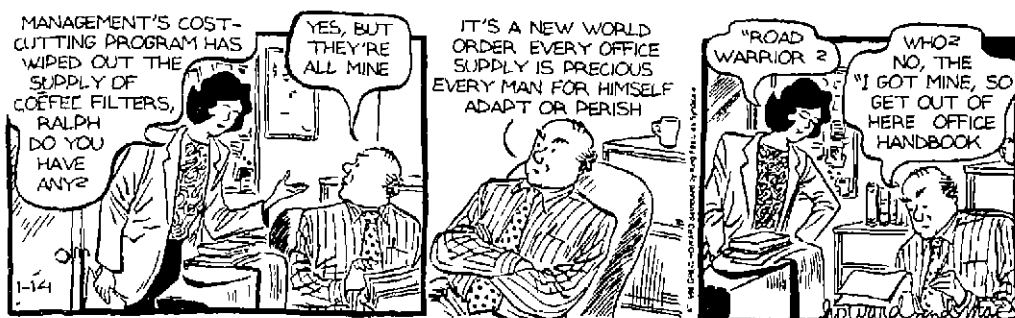


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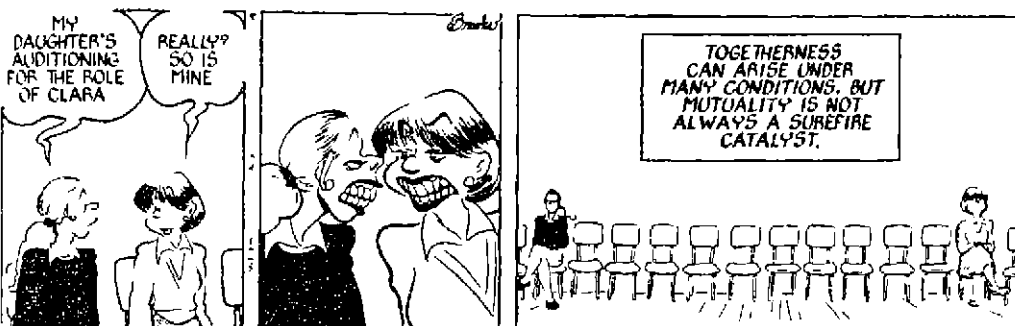
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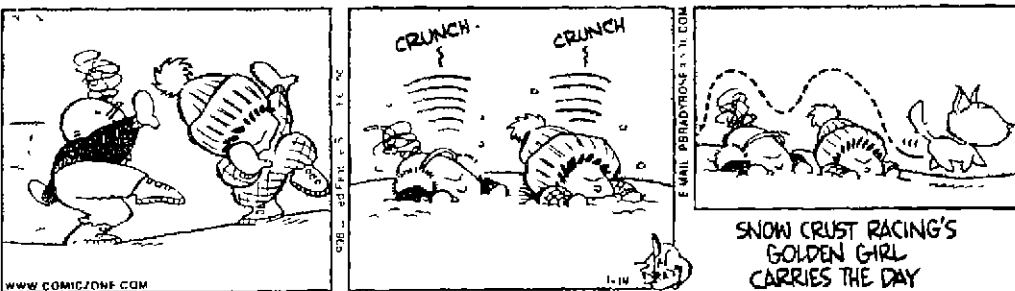
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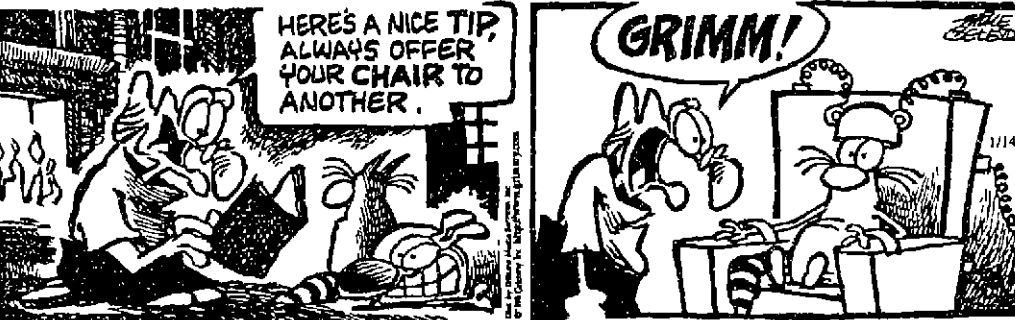
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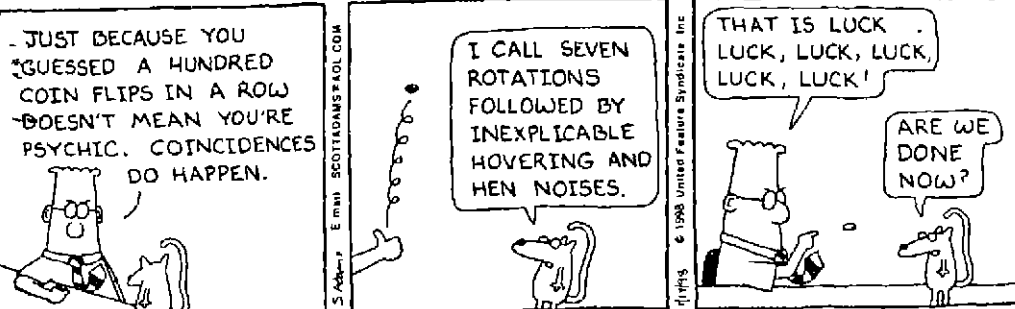
HAGAR THE HORRIBLE



MOTHER GOOSE AND GRIMM



DILBERT



DENNIS THE MENACE



FAMILY CIRCUS



RHYMES WITH ORANGE



RALPH



Today's Birthdays

CBS commentator **Andy Rooney** is 79
Country singer **Billie Jo Spears** is 61
Singer **Jack Jones** is 60
Actress **Faye Dunaway** is 57
Singer-producer **T. Bone Burnett** is 50
Movie writer-director **Lawrence Kasdan** is 49
Movie writer-director **Steven Soderbergh** is 35
Actor **Dan Schneider** (Head of the Class) is 32
Actress **Emily Watson** (Breaking the Waves) is 31
Rapper **LL Cool J** is 30
Actor **Jason Bateman** is 29

I NEED HELP



SCRABBLE

PAR SCORE 140-150
by JUDD

FOUR RACK TOTAL
TIME LIMIT 20 MIN

DIRECTIONS: Make a 7 to 7 letter word from the letters in each row. Add points of each word, using scoring directions at right. 7 letter words get 50 point bonus. Bonus words used in any letter have no point value. All Judd's words are in The Official Scrabble Players Dictionary, Merriam-Webster and a CSW Official Scrabble Words (Chambers). JUDD'S SOLUTION TOMORROW

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For solution, see Classified

WORD SLEUTH

Ham radio phonetic alphabet

M I E B X U Q N J G D Z W T O
N K H D A X U J R P M J G D A
X V S Q N E K U I F D A X V T
Q O M J H L K L E F C A Y W U
R P N L E J I I H F D B Z A X
V G T T R O L E M O A M M P K
O F O X T R O T I H T I F A D
A H P L A A B T Z Y L W D P V
T R C H F C R E B M E V O N Q
O N C E L S K I H F D D C A I
Z X W V U O V A R B S R Q O N

Tuesday's unlisted clue: PERIOD

Find the listed words in the diagram. They run in all directions - forward, backward, up, down and diagonally.
Wednesday's unlisted clue hint: THE LETTER "H"

Alpha Bravo Charlie Delta Echo Foxtrot Golf India Juliette Kilo Lima Mike November Oscar Papa

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HOROSCOPE

For Thursday, Jan. 15, 1998

ARIES (March 21 to April 19) Tie up all those loose ends or you might find yourself getting entangled in them.
TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) True to your nature, you are having trouble committing to that new venture that could bring you additional revenue.
GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) Your temper has been flaring lately, but that's no excuse to lash out at others irrationally. Words you say won't easily be forgotten.
CANCER (June 21 to July 22) You're not likely to get the support you need because you've been too indecisive about where you stand.
LEO (July 23 to Aug. 22) You're planning some very special romantic activities, but take care not to be too extravagant.
VIRGO (Aug. 23 to Sept. 22) You've been using that famous intellect much too much lately. Remember that rationalizations often mask the emotions behind them.
LIBRA (Sept. 23 to Oct. 22) You're wearing thin on patience because things aren't getting done as quickly as you'd like. Remember that you have a tendency to move rather slowly, so try to ease up.
SCORPIO (Oct. 23 to Nov. 21) You are suffering from the delusion that you will impress others with your big spending ways.
SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 to Dec. 21) You've been thrown some curves lately and don't know how to deal with them.
CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 to Jan. 19) Don't expect too much from others as they will not be able to live up to their commitments.
AQUARIUS (Jan. 20 to Feb. 18) You have a strong urge to trip the light fantastic, but try to resist or at least exercise moderation.
PISCES (Feb. 19 to March 20) You won't find yourself as motivated to accomplish tasks as you should be. Because you have some very specific goals in mind, use some extra discipline with yourself and get going.

ACES ON BRIDGE

By Bobby Wolff

My plan succeeds against any 3-2 trump break, claimed South. And if the trump queen drops doubleton, I'll make an overtrick. Agreed, replied North. But why didn't you buy some cheap insurance to guard against a 4-1 split? South ruffled the second club and impulsively cashed his two top trumps. East's discard was a sobering jolt, leaving South no reprieve. If he led another trump, West would win and continue clubs, forcing dummy to ruff, beating the game several tricks. And if South ran dummy's diamonds (best), he would still win only nine tricks. To ensure winning 10 tricks, South must guard against the 4-1 break. After he ruffs the second club, he should play only one high trump. When no queen appears, South should voluntarily sacrifice his trump jack. This farsighted move paralyzes West. If West takes his queen to shift to spades, South wins his ace and cashes his trump king. Then he leads a diamond to dummy to draw West's last trump, leaving the defense with only a trump, a spade and a club. What if West refuses South's offer of the trump jack? South merely cashes his trump king and runs his diamonds, winning the same 10 tricks. The normal division of defenders' trumps when declarer has eight of them is 3-2 (about 68 percent of the time). A 4-1 split occurs about 28 percent, no small matter to overlook when a vulnerable game is put at risk for a possible overtrick.

NORTH
♠ Q 7
♥ 10 9 8 6
♦ A K Q 10 8
♣ J 7

WEST
♠ J 10 9
♥ Q 5 4 2
♦ 9 4
♣ K Q 10 8

EAST
♠ A 8 5 2
♥ 3
♦ J 2
♣ A 9 6 5 4 3

SOUTH
♠ A 6 4 3
♥ A K J 7
♦ J 7 6 3
♣ 2

Vulnerable Both
Dealer North

The bidding
North East South West
1♥ Pass 1♥ Pass
2♥ Pass 3♥ Pass
3♥ Pass 4♥ Pass

Opening lead: Club king

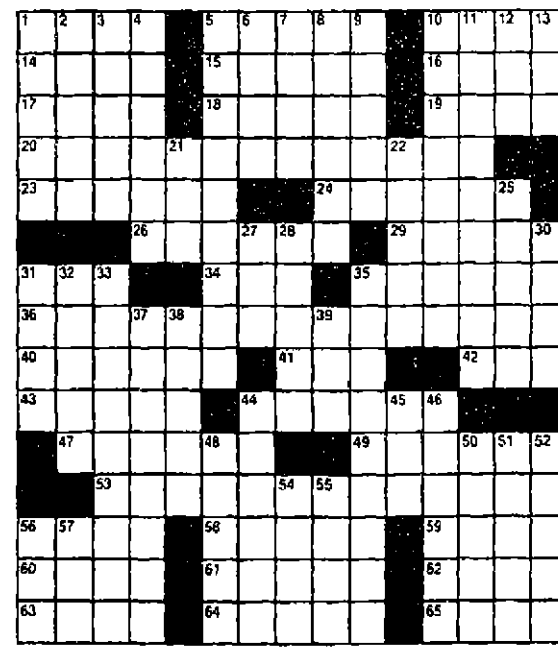
N.Y. TIMES CROSSWORD

No. 1203

- ACROSS**
- Kaput
 - Poet Teasdale and others
 - 1102 on a monument
 - Holy
 - Nautical direction
 - Extended period
 - I needed it yesterday abbr.
 - South Pacific kingdom
 - Aquarium
 - Dominic products
 - Mortarboard component
 - More spine-tingling
 - Dutch export
 - Paris pomp
 - Back talk
 - Money put aside for short
 - Do dock work
 - Suppositions
 - Washington VIP
 - Poke fun at
 - It'll get you there P.D.Q.
 - Artist Toulouse Lautrec
 - Headlands
 - You don't think I do it, do you?
 - They may be found in midstream
 - Part of a string
 - "Get a —"
 - Teheran native
 - Decorative case
 - Seven Years in Tibet star
 - Florentine literary giant
 - 40-Across, informally
 - Tan and Irving
 - Choir section
 - Wraps up
- DOWN**
- Kind of cookie
 - Book of prophecies
 - Five Norwegian kings
 - Key employee?
 - Surveilling need
 - peas in —
 - Howard and Brown
 - Has words (with)
 - Old transport
 - Number arrays
 - Nonstop
 - Charged item
 - It's kept in a pen
 - Opposite of alt
 - Mountain ridge
 - Thumbs-up reviews
 - Tee off

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE

PAPAS ACRE GAMA
CLASP FLAX REAR
SITKA RAMP ERIC
THEROUBLEWITH
DUO SOOT ARE
EAT LOW DUELED
THERATRACEIS
SATE EMU AIDA
EVENIFYOUWIN
WALLOP FOP OPT
ARA LIST WIT
YOU'RE STILL LARAT
LURE TETE TULIP
ASEA LALO ESTER
YELP EDEN STORY



Puzzle by Elizabeth C. Gorski

- 28** San Diego player
30 Midterm say
31 Wife of Jacob
32 Twiddled one's thumbs
33 Belligerence
35 Grants
37 Succeeds in bribing
38 Israel's Sharon
39 Dogfaces
44 Kind of network
- 45** Particularly Abbr.
46 Record jacket
48 Abode of the gods in Homer
50 Consumed
- 51** Set straight
52 Boo boos
54 Go on
55 Prefix with -zoan
56 39 e.g.
57 Pacific

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